

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On the first page, after the title of the application, please add the following paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the National Stage Entry of PCT Application No. PCT/AU03/01004 filed August 8, 2003 and claims priority to Australian Application No. 2002950755 filed August 9, 2002, the contents each of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. This application is also related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/523,795 entitled “Mechanical Design for a Prosthetic Hearing Implant,” filed February 9, 2005, and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/825,359 entitled “Implantable Device having Osseointegrating Protuberances,” filed April 16, 2004.